

Needham Youth Services

Board of Director Meeting Notes

November 13, 2013

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 10/9/2013; November Department Report; Peer Tutor Program Training Evaluation Compilation; FY 2015 Budget Request; QPR Flyer, FY 2015 Board Listing, updated brochures.

- **Accepted Minutes of 10/9/2013**

- **Update on Vacant Office Manager Position**

Pleased to have Maria Papantoniou as our new Administrative Assistant (her first day was 11/12).

- **Update on Vacant Board Position**

Pleased to have Kevin Keane on the Board as the Selectmen's appointee.

- **Community Focus Discussion**

Discussed a range of topics including Project Moves, technology and youth, and the recent Special Town Meeting.

- **FY 2015 Budget**

Discussed FY request; specifically the need and request for an additional 15 hours of a clinic person. Reviewed meeting with Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager. Next step in the process is a meeting with the full Finance Committee on 12/16.

- **Programs and Services Updates**

- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens Update; second night scheduled for early December.
- Babysitter Trainings: second training underway, next one in December.
- Will be addressing parents at the following events/meetings: Mitchell School PTC, Needham Women's Club, and others.
- Working on a committee to implement Middle School Parenting Conference on 11/23.
- Working on a committee to implement High School Parenting Conference on 1/25.
- Update on VIP Program; great beginning of the year.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program; Think-Math training and matches going well.
- Update on Forde Award; 2014 nominee is Steve Blomberg.
- Continue to attend monthly Domestic Violence Action Committee meetings.
- Attended the School Wellness Advisory Committee meeting.
- Update on Youth Resource Network; great asset and support.
- Report on award from the Needham Steps Up for Education program.
- Picture Perfect Update: starting shortly at the middle school.
- Report on this year's Diversity Summit.
- Update on school-based groups.
- Clinic Intern Update: things going well.
- Make A Statement Day Update: secured funding from Mark's Moving and Lisa Boutique.
- Board is reminded to visit online "In The News" page for articles on and about Youth Services --- www.needhamma.gov/youth/inthenews.

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- **New/Old Business:**

Dedicated the meeting to former Board member Barbara Popper who recently passed. Barbara was a life-long advocate for youth and families, and will be missed.

- **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2013 in the Highland Meeting Room (Needham Town Hall).

- **Adjourn**

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| Members Present: | Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Regina Longley, , Kevin Keane, Susan Patkin, Vin Springer |
| Members Absent: | Justin Jones |
| Staff Present: | Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, Michelle Butman |